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REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office Letter of July 3, 2007, the Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application amendments have been made in the claims to overcome rejections presented by the Examiner. All claims should now be in condition for allowance. It is noted that on page 4 of the Patent Office Letter, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 4-7 and 12 would be allowed if rewritten. Moreover, on page 4 the Examiner also indicated that claims 6-11 and 13-22 would be allowed if rewritten. The independent claims in this application have now been accordingly rewritten.

On pages 2-4 of the Patent Office Letter, the Examiner has set forth a rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. To overcome this rejection, in, for example, claim 1 the claim has been amended to now positively recite the "gas emitter." Moreover, the valve switcher is now defined as comprised of at least two parallel arranged gas nozzles selectively and coaxially aligned with the gas emitter rather than the gas valve. An appropriate amendment has also been made in claim 2 to make claim 2 consistent with the amendment to claim 1.

Claim 4 has also been amended to now positively recite the "gas emitter." Also note that claim 4 now defines the gas nozzles "arranged parallel to a common axis of the casing and selectively and coaxially aligned with said gas emitter." Claim 5 has been amended in a similar manner to the amendment to claim 4. Claim 6 has also been amended to affirmatively recite the "gas emitter" and the alignment of the nozzles with the gas emitter rather than the gas valve. Similar amendments have also been made in claims 7, 12 and 25. With these claim amendments, it is believed that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. With these amendments all objections under 35 U.S.C. §112 should now be overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicant hereby requests a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

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